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COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

## LIBRARY GETS

## TWO NEW STAFF

The Moon Library has two new faculty members this fall bringing the total number of professional librarians to seven. Selly De LaPaz, formerly Head Librarian at the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines is the new serials cataloger. Betsy Elkins comes to the Moon Library Public Services area from SUNY Geneseo where she was an assistant librarian in the reference department.

With these additional staff members the reference and information desk, now located adjacent to the card catalog, can be staffed full time. In addition to Betsy Elkins, Jackie Morris and Jo Ann Dionne will be offering reference assistance daily from 9-5.

servation to help insure that a uniform program is being given but they are strictly on their own when it comes to scheduling classes. In most cases, it is an activity of a local sportsmen's club, so if you do not see announcements of hunter training classes in the local newspaper, contact your nearest sportsmen's club. The local environmental conservation officer has no official activity in these courses but through contact with the organizations, most know of classes. He certainly can give you the names and addresses of key sportsmen in the community who could answer your inquiry.

When the hunter training program started in 1949, it applied only to those who were

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## BEAT AGAIN!

BEAT AGAIN !

Coming back to school in summer has its advantages. One of these happens to be using the Mt. Olympus Stumpy Trail when the plants are still going strong. By August, the spring scars of too many boots in mud are all but healed. The path has narrowed to a single lane trail.

This year we returned and noticed a young black locust tree (replete with thorns) growing in the middle of the narrow path. It seemed to have resprouted from a previous year's trampling back to ground level. Of course, we thought this to be quite great; this holding onto life. We each inwardly resolved to sidestep this young tree. In fact, even at night, in

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## ★ HUNTER SAFETY

With the small game and waterfowl seasons opening on October first throughout most of upstate New York, hunters will be rushing in to renew their hunting licenses during the next several weeks.

To keep the ranks of hunters filled this year, some 90,000 aspiring hunters must successfully complete the required hunter safety course before they can qualify for their first license.

If you are one of these new hunters don't put off taking the training until the last moment. Instructors of these courses are all volunteers who are also ardent hunters so it is quite understandable that they plan to schedule their instruction prior to the hunting season.

These 4,200 instructors work closely with the Department of Environmental Con-

# SAFETY...

age 17 or younger. The marked reduction in hunting accidents that occurred following the inauguration of the course prompted many other states to develop similar ones. New York has now expanded its program to apply to everyone who wants to get his first hunting license.

When the program first started, it was strictly a hunter safety program. Many instructors were distressed at the steady increase in the amount of posting of private land caused by hunters who did not have the traditional hunting ethic of respect for the landowner, the land, other hunters and the game itself. They began incorporating some of this into our program and it spread until it is now a vital part of the course. Safety is in no way downgraded but it is stressed that the hunter without a good hunting ethic is the hunter who is causing the posting which could mean an end of the hunting in much of the more populated areas of the northeast.

Many people are not aware that the Penal Law sets forth the basic regulation governing the use of firearms by those under 16 years. With two exceptions, it clearly states that it is unlawful for anyone to sell or give any firearm, air or spring gun or ammunition thereof to any person under 16 years of age.

The Penal Law permits 12-16-year olds to receive instruction from duly qualified adults on a regular rifle range using rifles no larger than .22 calibre rim fire. It is this authority that makes possible the firearms programs given at many summer camps, schools and sportsmen's clubs.

The other exception is Section 11-0920 of the Environmental Conservation Law. This permits 14- and 15-year olds who have successfully completed their four-hour training program to obtain a hunting license. The license must be signed by the minor's parent or guardian before the issuing agent. It is valid in the field only when he is accompanied by his parent or guardian who holds a license to hunt or is accompanied by a license holder of at least 21 years of age who is designated in writing by the parent as being responsible for the minor's supervision.

Safe hunting habits are not acquired in a four-hour class. Safe practices may be

learned but it takes many days in the field with careful practice before they become safe habits. The adult accompanying the young hunter should always be close enough so that he can give the proper supervision. It is not only an ideal learning situation for the minor but is an opportunity without equal for father and son to work together and get to know each other better.

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## WHITE BINS,

## GREEN

Perhaps this week you have noticed the appearance of beautiful, big white trash cans. They may be big and beautiful BUT trash cans they are NOT. These receptacles are for recyclable paper ONLY.

I must emphasize this fact because some of our fellow students must sort through everything that is inside. To inform the whole college on what they are for (and NOT for) is not easy.

They are for paper recycling. Paper included in this category includes: newspaper, magazines, "hand-outs," cardboard, computer printouts, paper bags, writing and tablet paper, and drawing paper. Other things can be put in but this is only a partial list.

Some paper NOT acceptable would be: anything with wax on it (for example, milk cartons) or anything that has a lot of food stuck to it (for example, sloppy pizza boxes).

Some non-paper things definitely should not be put in. Things like cans and garbage don't belong in the Theta bins. Especially obnoxious to our fellow students are lunch remains and cigarette butts and ashes. This is pure filth to have to sort through.

So please, use the white Theta cans for paper recycling only. They are not general purpose trash receptacles. Give the volunteer recyclers a break.

Daniel R. Mahns

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## BEAT AGAIN...

the darkness, we managed to carefully avoid stepping on this tree.

Well, one day I noticed that one of its three stems was broken and the leaves wilted. Someone had not been careful enough. The tree was beat again.

A couple of days later, the second stem was down and wilting. Once again, beat again.

Finally, the third and last stem was down and wilting. Only this time violence was in evidence. The stem had been clearly stomped on and ground down. Perhaps a thorn had caught this person and that person did not like it. So, that person removed this innocent tree.

I found a moral in this.

Often we alter and use things for mere convenience. The thorns were unpleasant, so why not change the situation? We have power, so why not use it? "The modern dogma is comfort at any cost." (Aldo Leopold, "A Sand County Almanac", p. 76.)

Many people probably failed to notice such a decline of this small black locust. To me, this is symbolic of the present status of our environment. That is, we all too often fail to perceive gradual deteriorating changes within our surroundings. And like the tree's fate, we seem to be likewise breaking a branch here and a branch there of our environment. Unlike the tree, though, the environment will not be defeated as easily. In fact, the real beat will probably be on mankind. It will not be merely Beat Again but The Final Beat.

Danial R. Mahns

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## CURBS FOR NOISY TRANSPORTS

In its first regulatory action to cut noise pollution, the federal Environmental Protection Agency recently proposed noise limits for interstate trucks and buses, which will cut their noise levels by five to ten decibels.

The proposed rules would require the use of mufflers and would eliminate the noisy tire-tread patterns that make a popping, thumping sound. Reduction by ten decibels would mean that the vehicles would sound about half as loud to the human ear as they do now and even a five decibel cut would be eminently noticeable, according to EPA.

The federal agency estimates that roughly 190,000 trucks in the country will be unable to meet the regulations, and industry will have to spend between \$50 and \$200 on each vehicle to bring them up to standards.

Final rules will be promulgated October 1 after comments by interested parties seeking modifications. The regulations will take effect one year later. EPA also made public a comprehensive study of aviation noise that will form the basis for anti-noise rules to be put forth next winter for planes and airports.

## LICENSE

## DEADLINE



Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Henry L. Diamond had some unexpected good news today for the State's deer hunters who intend to file for a party permit this fall. The deadline for applications has been extended to give them a few more days. Applications must be postmarked no later than September 20, instead of September 15 as stated on the application.

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# GRAB THE PAGES & RUN OR RM. 329, WHERE ARE YOU?

## Part 1: The Price of a Tee-Shirt

Once upon a time two tee-shirtless stumps ventured forth on a mission to acquire the latest fashions in "stumpy-wear"—none other than the infamous creations emblazoned with a versatile design by William C. Robinson. After fighting their way through numerous obstacles (boxes, papers, Bob Loveless, cabinets, typewriters, tables, chairs, etc...) they stumbled upon some "Knotholers" traveling incognito who had infiltrated the office under the guise of traveling tee-shirt salesmen. As they flashed the banlon beauties before the awestruck eyes of the dense duo, they mumbled about staplers, writers and WPE grad students. The smell of the newsprint, the roar of the staplers, the mere thought of a meager association with the Knothole lured the tee-shirt seekers into another action-packed adventure...

Continued next week

The Knothole is the student publication of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Published every Thursday. Students and faculty who have ideas about our College, notices they wish published, poems, stories, suggestions or anything that they think might interest our readers, are encouraged to submit these to the Knothole. Names will be withheld upon request, but articles must be signed. Articles must be placed in the Knothole mailbox in the basement of Marshall Hall before noon on Saturday. Anyone interested in joining the Knothole staff should contact one of our members. Staff meetings are Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Library Conference room.

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## DEADLINE...

Commissioner Diamond said that Division of Fish and Wildlife personnel had been able to shorten up the processing time before applications must be fed into the computer, thus allowing the five-day extension. "This is helpful to party permit applicants," the Commissioner noted, "especially those who make up a party composed of members who live in different localities. They may be able to use the extra time to mail the application to prospective party members who live out of town."

Despite the extension, Commissioner Diamond urged applicants who complete their forms early to mail them in promptly. This will enable the Department to process the applications smoothly with no inordinate pile-up at the close of the filing period, he noted.

All other rules on the application remain in force. The only change is that applications will be accepted with postmarks through September 20, instead of the originally stated closing date of September 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL:  
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## FROM ADVISER TO ENFORCER

President Nixon has nominated Russell E. Train, chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, to head the federal Environmental Protection Agency, thus shifting Train from presidential adviser on the environment to the nation's chief enforcement officer of environmental protection laws.

Train succeeds Robert E. Fri, who has been the temporary EPA head since William D. Ruckelshaus assumed other federal responsibilities. The post requires Senate confirmation.

At a news conference following the President's announcement, Train promised a "strong, vigorous enforcement policy" and called for public patience and commitment to the environment. "We haven't reached a period when we can point to substantial improvements in air or water quality," he said. "Citizens have to be patient and work with us."

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# TRAILMARK

Have a question about what is going on around here? Trailmark is now a regular feature where you can air your questions about the campus, and what is happening. Put your questions in the Knothole letter box in the basement of Marshall next to the student mail boxes.

Q: Everywhere I turn on campus workers are digging holes or climbing on the sides of the buildings with scaffolds. What is happening? Q.C.M.

A: At this time there are three projects on campus, according to Bruce Reichel, an assistant in facilities. The men with scaffolds are part of a stone work job in which repainting and re-caulking is being done on Marshall and Bray.

Second, drains are being placed in man-holes of electric and telephone lines which have flooded in bad storms.

Third, a crane placed an incinerator on top of Illick this summer and it will soon be functional. It will be used by the Zoology Department to dispose of experimental animals and debris.

is hoped by them that work can be done by graduate students in this area. It was then that we learned what a unique area we were in. Most of the area we traversed was protected virgin wilderness. This explained the large birches I surmised.

It got close to suppertime so we began our preparations. We had soup and beans. Dan and I polished off some more sardines and Werner enjoyed his fruit. Satisfying, but not extravagant. But wait, who was this coming to share our fire? Could it be the galloping gourmet of the north woods, Dr. James Geis? Yup! I guess he had everything but the kitchen sink. The feast unfolded--baked potatoes, fresh tomatoes, green beans with mushrooms, and steak, with coffee and beer on the side, not to mention some of Dr. Ketchledge's homemade elderberry wine. I must say we three had a good laugh but I guess I was a little envious. I've always felt that food cooked outside over an open fire is the best food you'll ever find, and here was my chance but we could not take advantage of it because that kind of food just can't go on an extended backpacking trip. Don't think our food was totally bland, however. I had the best toast each morning I've ever had. I like elderberries too so I brought along some homemade elderberry jam.

We had a fire going and we all sat around talking about this and that. It was a nice situation because we got to see a side of the three professors that you just don't see in the classroom. Thus we came to the end of our second day and I settled down to what I thought would be a good night's sleep. Was I ever wrong!

To be continued

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## DER BEAT

We made our way across a precarious stone trail leading us across the outlet of another lake, making for the lean-to. We got closer and noticed some people already camped. Nuts, I thought to myself. I hate crowds. We approached and recognition struck! To our surprise we found Dr. Geis, Dr. Ketchledge, and Dr. Randall, all members of our Forest Botany department! We exchanged greetings and told them our planned destination and then Dr. Ketchledge showed us a natural spring where we quenched our thirst. It was the second spring...the first one contained their beer supply! It turned out that Dr. Ketchledge was showing some of the area to his two companions. It

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## B'BALL CLUB MEETS

The basketball club is holding its first organizational meeting of the year on September 24 at 5:00 P.M. in 210 Walters Hall. All college members are invited to attend this very important meeting.

Jeff Cohen, President

## CRACKDOWN ON NOISE

Rochester Mayor Stephen May has introduced legislation in City Council to curb a major irritant in city living — noise pollution.

Briefly the legislation would prohibit advertising noises; allow vehicle horns to be sounded only when danger is imminent; ban noise from radios, phonographs and similar devices on public conveyances when the sound can be heard by others; ban excessive noise from these devices in public places; ban noise interfering with the operation of a

school, church, court, hospital, nursing home or home for the aged; prohibit construction activities between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. except for special situations; set quantitative standards on noise from vehicles especially motorcycles, and require any contractor working for the city to use the quietest available equipment.

The legislation provides for fines of up to \$150 or 150 days in jail or both. On continuing noise or repeated violations, the City can apply for a preliminary injunction to prohibit on-going excessive noise violations of the ordinance, and the violator will be subject to fines and imprisonment for failure to obey a court order.

## JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE

For those who have never seen nor tasted Jerusalem artichokes, growing them in your garden 'is well worth it. They are tall plants, growing from 7 to 10 feet during our northern summers, and produce a bright yellow flower late in the season. Jerusalem artichokes are a native american plant belonging to the sunflower family, which you can tell from a quick glance at the plant. The edible part of the plants are the tubers, which are produced prolifically each year. Although very knobby, they resemble potatoes somewhat. They have a nut like flavor and are delicious in salads or cooked and mashed. The tubers are low in calories and contain no starch but are quite nutritious since they have a large amount of potassium and thiamine.

Jerusalem artichokes will grow in most soils in full or partial sunshine. Holes about 4 inches deep and 12 inches apart will suffice for planting. But watch out--the plants can spread like crazy and should be controlled.

The tubers can be harvested in the fall but spoil relatively quickly in cellars or refrigerators. It is best to leave them in the soil where they will keep all winter and you can dig them up as needed. The ones left over can be next year's seed crop.

If you are interested, Gurney's Nursery in Yankton, South Dakota sells Jerusalem artichokes and they are also available, in very limited quantities, from me. So if you would like a couple of tubers to get your plot going, leave a note in my student mail box and I'll bring some home during the fall or winter.

Tom Zelker

## NEW COLUMN



The "Other Side" is a new regular feature article of the Knothole. If you have a particular professor you would like to have interviewed or any questions you would like asked of a professor just place a note in the Knothole letter box that is next to the student mailboxes.

### THIRD POLLUTION DELAY

The federal Environmental Protection Agency has granted the nation's auto makers their third pollution delay, extending for one year from 1976 to 1977 the deadline for meeting emission standards for nitrogen oxides.

Last April EPA granted a year's delay for meeting standards on the other two emission pollutants, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons.

As was done with the earlier decision, EPA set interim standards that will have to be met on cars produced during the year's grace. The interim standard for nitrogen oxides was set at 2.0 grams per mile, compared with the 0.4 grams a mile level that now is due to go into effect on 1977 car models. Under the Clean Air Act of 1970, the one-year delay is the maximum that may be granted. Any further delays or changes in standards must be made by Congress.

